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Our Angry God

God angry? It doesn't make any sense! We hear about how loving God is; how can he get angry?

In a word: bullies.

In our first reading, we hear about how angry God can get with bullies. In that reading, God was referring specifically to kings who bullied people. But, we need to remember that any one of us

might choose to be a bully.

A bully is someone who pushes other people around, often to make themselves feel more important. This pushing can be physical. Or, it can be mental—making fun of someone because you don't think they are as smart as you, or dress as well as you.

God angrily tells those

who would abuse the gifts that He has given to them, that He loves *everyone* and that He loves each of us *equally*. In God's eyes, we are all his beloved children. Therefore, we have no right to "lord it over" anyone else. Many years after this passage was written, Jesus told us that "whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." Let's be thankful for our God, who loves us *all*.

In Other News...

Mass Schedule

November 28—planned by 2nd Grade

December 5—planned by 1st Grade

We would like to invite you to celebrate the Mass with your child and his or her class on Wednesdays at 8:45 a.m. Grandparents, other relatives, and friends are also welcome. Hope to see you

there!

Library Schedule

November 29—Grades 5 & 6

December 6—Grades K, 1, & 2

No School

We will have no school next week, on Wednes-

day, Thursday, and Friday, November 21, 22, and 23, because of teacher workshops and Thanksgiving. Because it's such a short week, we won't have a Thursday envelope or newsletter next week.

In addition, school will be late the *following* Monday, November 26, starting at 10:30 a.m.

Bishop's Ordination

On Friday, November 30, Bishop Hoepfner will be ordained as the seventh bishop of the diocese of Crookston! The ordination Mass will be held in the Cathedral at 1:00 p.m.

We will not be having school that day, because

the building will be so full of visitors. But, everyone, as members of this diocese, are invited to attend.

Rumors that you need an special mailed invitation are just that—rumors. So, please feel welcome to attend as a family. If you would like to attend, but are worried about finding a seat, we are also planning on streaming the ordination over the web, so that you can watch from home, too. Watch for more details to come about that opportunity! If you have any other questions, please contact either the school or parish office.

Mardi Gras

In the coming weeks, we will telling you more about our upcoming Mardi Gras fundraiser. This week, we would like to share some general information with you. The Mardi Gras, which will be held on the evening of Saturday, February 2, is an annual fundraiser for our school. It is one of the three biggest fundraisers of the year, and every parent is expected to help in some way. We have many different ways for you to choose to participate, which we'll tell about in future weeks. With a dinner, silent auction, live auction and games,

there are a huge variety of options for you. If you have questions, you can contact our co-chairs, Melissa Dingmann (dingmann@umn.edu or 281-2395) and Kris MacGregor (krism@asec.net or 281-4556). Thank you, in advance, for your assistance!

Catholic Schools Week Baskets

Next week, we will be sending information home with all of our students about the basket drawing that is held during Catholic Schools Week, January 27—February 2.

These baskets are raffled off during Catholic Schools Week. The proceeds go to PACE. In addition, PACE donates one or two baskets to the Mardi Gras Silent Auction.

Each student is asked to donate items for a themed basket. The basket themes are as follows: Kindergarten—Primary Aged (Gr. K-2) Basket, 1st Grade—Christmas or Winter Basket, 2nd Grade—Fall Basket, 3rd Grade—4th of July or Summer Basket, 4th Grade—Intermediate Aged (Gr. 4-6) Basket, 5th & 6th Grades—Sports Basket (i.e. Vikings, Twins, Pirates, UND, UMC, U of M, etc.).

In addition, each student is also asked to sell raffle tickets for \$1 each. These tickets will be sent home next week.

Watch for more information to come soon. You can also contact

Janel Kresl (281-1580) if you have more questions. Thank you!

Movie Alert

A new movie is coming to theaters in early December. It is called The Golden Compass, and it's based on a book by the same name. The book, the first in a trilogy, was written by a proud atheist named Phillip Pullman. He hates C.S. Lewis' Chronicles of Narnia and has written his trilogy to "combat" Lewis' Christian messages.

More specifically, the book (and movie) "follows the adventures of a streetwise girl who travels through multiple worlds, populated by witches, armor-plated bears, and sinister ecclesiastical assassins to defeat the oppressive forces of a senile God." The books, sadly, have sold very well and have won several awards. The author, Phillip Pullman, has been quoted as saying "I don't profess any religion; I don't think it's possible that there is a God." In addition, in a 2003 interview, he said that his "books are about killing God." One of the characters in his book claims that "every church is the same: control, destroy, and obliterate every good feeling."

In short, this is a very anti-Christian movie that is being disguised as a fun children's adventure. Please be careful when you discuss, as a family, what movies you might go to and what books you might read. If you wanted more information, there are many resources online. One site that has been quoted here is <http://www.snopes.com/politics/religion/compass.asp>. You can

School Board Corner

The Cathedral School Board's next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

In the upcoming meeting, we will continue to discuss changes to the Board's Constitution and By-laws, and continue to develop and improve school policy.

also call the school office for more information.

Meth Alert

Last year, we told you about a new drug danger. Then, as now, we didn't want to alarm or upset anyone. We simply want to provide you with as much information as possible, so that we can all work together to keep our children safe and healthy.

The danger involved a new, pink-colored meth (short for methamphetamine) variant called "strawberry meth." It is particularly dangerous because it looks so much like pop rock candy. However, this strawberry meth is every bit as addictive and toxic as the regular meth. Only now, children can be more easily confused and tricked into taking it.

Now, there are more stories floating on the internet about additional "flavors"—chocolate, peanut butter, cola, cherry, grape, and orange. According to our research, this may or may not be true. But regardless, it is important to remind children to not accept candy from strangers. It is also important for us, as adults in our community, to keep watch for dangers to our children. If you have more questions, please contact the school office.

God's Blessings on Your Birthday

Gunnar Roed, Grade 2—
November 9

Emma Mills, Grade 1—November
12

Timothy Cymbaluk, Grade 4—
November 16

Meleah LaJesse, Grade 1—
November 17

Logan Ellis, Grade 4—November
27

Chanti LaPorte-Lewis, Grade 3—
November 28

Fundraising Opportunities

Each week, we will highlight a different on-going fundraiser. This week, we will take a closer look at the Ink Doctor.

Here at the Cathedral School, we recycle ink cartridges. Not only is this good for the environment, it helps support the school financially!

Last year, we began using a new vendor, called the Ink Doctor, to handle our ink cartridge recycling. This is a relatively local business, based out of Grand Forks, ND.

The process is easy! All you need to do is to drop off your old, used ink cartridge at the school. Once a month, the Ink Doctor stops by our school and picks them up. Shortly after that, we receive a check in the mail for them! The Ink Doctor refills and reuses the old cartridges and is able to resell them at a lowered cost to consumers, as refurbished ink cartridges.

In addition to the old cartridges from ink jet printers, the Ink Doctor also takes many types of toner cartridges from laser printers and copiers. So, if you have any old cartridges laying around,

you can bring them in to the school. You'll clean up your home or business, help the environment and support the school, all at the same time!

We thank you for your support. God bless!

Here are some other fundraisers that help Cathedral School:

- Campbell's Soup Labels
- Box Tops for Education
- Ink Doctor—ink cartridges
- Our Family Labels
- Target Card
- Pop Tops

On the Web

We are on the web at www.cathedralschool.org. Come and visit sometime!

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